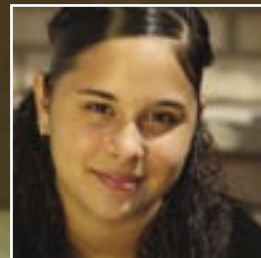


Making a Difference: One Child at a Time

HARRIS COUNTY
JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
2010 ANNUAL REPORT





A Learner's Creed

*We come to school to get an education.
Learning is our motivation.*

*Try hard to keep your concentration.
In any type of situation.*

*Help others and set demonstrations.
Make someone your inspiration.*

*By using your imagination.
Make it known across the nation.*

*Succeed in life with no hesitation
Keep moving towards your destination.*

Phillip A., 15

This poem was written by a Harris County youth and published in "Through Our Eyez".

"Through Our Eyez" is the product of a service-learning project created by students at the Harris County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), Excel Academy, an alternative school in Houston Texas, serving expelled and adjudicated youth from 22 Harris County School Districts. This program was supported by the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department and the Harris County Juvenile Board.

The Difference

For the last four years, referrals to the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department (HCJPD) have steadily decreased. The decrease in referrals to HCJPD can be attributed to many factors. Certainly, the collaborations and input from community-based agencies, faith-based programs; law enforcement and other youth advocate programs have been instrumental in improving the state of juvenile justice in Harris County. The success of these partnerships can be measured by the improved lives of the youth served.

The stories of youth who obtained GEDs, enrolled in area community colleges and obtained vocational skills are proof positive that youth can get past the stigma of probation supervision. The Education Transition Center (ETC) opened in October of 2010 offering one morning GED class.

By December the demand was so great, a second afternoon class was added. The first four youth successfully passed the GED exam in December.

Youth in residential facilities also have access to enhanced educational opportunities through community partnerships. The Vocational Education Program (VEP) at the Harris County Youth Village (HCYV) began accepting females in 2010. In December of 2010, 28 young men and women graduated from the VEP. In addition, youth at the Burnett-Bayland Reception Center participated in the Freedom Schools® summer literacy program. It would be the first time youth in a secure juvenile detention facility would participate in the program. It was such a success; the program will be expanded to another residential facility in the summer of 2011.

The number of programs available to youth under community supervision and residential placement are too lengthy to mention; however, the continuation and enhancement of these programs may have a cumulative effect to the decrease in referrals and certain areas of juvenile crime.

Additionally, the efforts of the Harris County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) continue to bridge the gap in community-based

services. In partnership, HCJPD and JDAI generated a report that indicates between 2006 and 2010, referrals to HCJPD decreased by 28%. One of the larger decreases took place between 2009 and 2010 with a 9% decrease in referrals. Between 2006 and 2010, the following decreases in juvenile crime are noted: a 53% decrease in auto



thefts, a 51% decrease in unauthorized use of a motor vehicle cases, a 58% decrease in felony drug offenses, a 22% decrease in burglary charges and an overall 37% decrease in certifications. Notably, 70% fewer youth were committed to the Texas Youth Commission during the same time period.

The results over the last four years offer a glimpse of hope and affirmation that the juvenile justice reforms in Harris County are moving in the right direction. Now, it becomes a matter of maintaining relationships formed and enhancing areas where gaps may yet remain. While a strategic plan for sustaining long term reforms for the youth and families of Harris County is necessary, the improved outcomes over the last four years demonstrate the difference partnerships make.

To the Citizens of Harris County



The end of the first decade of the 21st century saw good news regarding referrals of youth to the Juvenile Probation Department. For the fifth straight year, referrals decreased. In addition, juvenile crime went down in many areas. The Juvenile Probation Department continues to exercise fiscal responsibility and creativity

in dealing with juvenile justice.

The success stories of youth who complete supervision requirements are a testament to the dedication and hard work of the men and women who work in the arena of juvenile justice. We must continue to reassure our young people that they can overcome certain obstacles and go on to become productive members of society.

While we can applaud accomplishments achieved in 2010, much work remains to be done. Harris County continues to demonstrate perseverance and innovation despite diminishing dollars. We have a duty to protect the public from crime. And we have an obligation to instill hope into the youth of our community. The Juvenile Probation Department is where the duty and obligation meet.

Ed Emmett, *County Judge*



"I Can"

Letter from the Chief



I am happy to say that in 2010, juvenile crime continued to decline; fewer youth were in our Detention Center; fewer youth were removed from home and placed in residential facilities; and fewer youth were committed to the state school than in any of the previous four years. All this was accomplished while the Probation Department

worked under tight budget constraints with over 200 staff vacancies due to the mandatory hiring freeze.

Our tight budget has not only required us to work harder, it has pushed us to work smarter and be creative. I am pleased to say that staff has stepped up to the challenge and created many more programs. We continue to locate and utilize resources in the community to work with our probationers. Our staff has brought numerous programs into our facilities to engage the youth and give them a positive learning experience while redirecting their negative behavior.

We have learned that juveniles referred to this department are most successful when their individual needs are met and not just placed in cookie cutter programs. Individualized programs that exemplify this are the Mental Health Court and the Drug Court. These specialized courts work with the youth and their families in a non-traditional courtroom setting involving numerous stakeholders and wrap-around services. The Educational Transition Center is providing job search and GED readiness classes. The Girls Inspiring for Timeless Success and Female Intervention Programs continue to provide gender specific supervision and opportunities for our female clients. Our evidenced-based programs in the community are geared toward intensive involvement with the family.

The Juvenile Probation Department will continue to utilize all resources available in the community to meet the needs of every child referred to us. We attribute our success to making a difference: one child at a time.

Tom Brooks, *Executive Director*

Mission Statement

The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department is committed to the protection of the public utilizing intervention strategies that are community-based, family-oriented, and least restrictive while emphasizing responsibility and accountability of both parent and child.

Core Values

We value the belief that everyone is to be treated with dignity and respect.

We value the belief that each person has innate worth, dignity, and the capacity for positive change.

We value services that are ethical, effective, and culturally competent.

We value and promote a positive image of the department, employees, and our role within the community.

We value an environment that promotes positive initiative, productivity, teamwork, and professional growth.

We value an atmosphere which stresses tolerance and is free of discrimination.

We value developing collaborative efforts with judicial, legislative, and community partners.

*"Probation is the best thing
that could have happened to me."*

Kiara, former probationer

A PORT IN THE STORM



Hundreds of students in the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center worked with ARTreach Master Artist in Residence, Vickie McMillan to create a collaborative mural comprised of eighty 4" x 4" squares of individual artwork. The student's individual work tells a unique story and together the stories create a novel mural that can be shared.

A Port in the Storm makes a statement about detachment, loneliness, abandonment, and abuse - and the move towards recovery, reaching out, empowerment and hope. Students created the art using donated materials, scraps, and found objects. Through the texture and depth they describe some of the issues they struggle with on a daily basis.

In the midst of the storms in their lives, the students created a home to protect them from the hardships of the tornado. Their home represents safety, comfort and care; this creates the foundation of hope for the future.

A Port in the Storm

is an ARTreach Project made possible by:

Houston Endowment, Inc.

NCF Giving Fund

Texas Commission on the Arts –

Arts Respond Grants Program

Harris County Commissioners Court

The Harris County Commissioners Court is a five-member elected body responsible for the general administration of county business. As a county agency, the Juvenile Probation Department receives most of its annual budget from the Commissioners Court. In 2010, \$66,954,613 was allocated for staff salaries, direct client services, private placements, residential services and general operating expenses.

The Commissioners Court also determines county personnel regulations and sets operational guidelines followed by the department. Commissioners Court support enables the Juvenile Probation Department to provide services to thousands of troubled youth and their families in the community each year.

The members of Commissioners Court are as follows:

Ed Emmett, *Harris County Judge*
El Franco Lee, *Commissioner Precinct One*
Sylvia Garcia, *Commissioner Precinct Two*
Steve Radack, *Commissioner Precinct Three*
Jerry Eversole, *Commissioner Precinct Four*

Juvenile Board Advisory Council

The Advisory Committee brings together representatives of the medical, educational and legal community who have a clear understanding of the juvenile offender population. They make recommendations and provide consultation when called upon.

The committee includes the following:

Beverly Malazzo, *Chairperson, through November 2010*
Ann Campbell
Connie Clancy
Celestine Harris
Dr. Roger Mitchell
Judge Frank Pierce
Jo Ann Jones-Burbridge
Rebecca Reyna
Will Risser, M. D.
Robert Thomas
John Trevino

Harris County Juvenile Board

The Harris County Juvenile Board is the governing body of the Juvenile Probation Department. As mandated by state statute, the Juvenile Board monitors all of the department's programs, institutional services and residential placement facilities. The board also sets administrative policies and approves the department's annual budget prior to submission to the Court.

The members of the Juvenile Board are as follows:

Ed Emmett, *Harris County Judge, Chairperson*
Judge Pat Shelton, *313th District Court*
Judge John Phillips, *314th District Court,*
Vice Chairman, Secretary
Judge Michael Schneider, *315th District Court*
Judge Bill Burke, *189th District Court*
Judge Lisa Millard, *310th District Court*
Judge Joan Campbell, *248th District Court*
Judge Richard Vara, *Justice of the Peace,*
Precinct 6, Place 1

Associate Judges

Robert Molder, *313th District Court*
Aneeta Jamal, *314th District Court*
Angela Ellis, *315th District Court*
Beverly Malazzo, *Detention Referee,*
through November 2010
Kelly Graul, *Detention Referee*



*"I know I can make
a difference in my life"*

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Organizational Chart

JUVENILE BOARD

Tom Brooks, *Executive Director, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer*

Henry Gonzales, *Assistant Executive Director*

INSTITUTIONS	BUDGET AND INFORMATION SERVICES	INTAKE/COURT SERVICES	FIELD SERVICES	HEALTH SERVICES	EDUCATION SERVICES	HUMAN RESOURCES
Terry Snow-Smith, Ph.D. <i>Deputy Director</i>	John Sukols <i>Deputy Director</i>	Tim Broussard <i>Deputy Director</i>	M. Julia Ramirez <i>Deputy Director</i>	Diana Quintana, Ph.D. <i>Deputy Director</i>	Henry Gonzales <i>Deputy Director</i>	Roslyn Beaty-Ellis <i>Deputy Director</i>
Keith Branch <i>Asst. Deputy Director</i>	Izer Billings <i>Asst. Deputy Director</i>	Rebecca DeCamara <i>Projects Director</i>	Marilyn Broussard <i>Asst. Deputy Director</i>	Matthew Shelton, Ph.D. <i>Asst. Deputy Director</i>	Barbara Redeker, Ed.D. <i>Asst. Deputy Director</i>	Julie Timpe-Baker <i>Asst. Deputy Director</i>
<i>Juvenile Justice Center Detention</i>	Ross Kimble <i>Asst. Deputy Director</i>	<i>Intake Screening</i>	<i>Community Unit Probation Services (CUPS)</i>	<i>Medical Services</i>	Luann McCoy <i>Asst. Deputy Director</i>	<i>Accreditation</i>
<i>Burnett-Bayland Reception Center</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Pre-Adjudication Team</i>	<i>CUPS 1 – Southeast</i>	<i>Forensic Unit</i>	<i>Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program</i>	<i>Payroll</i>
<i>Harris County Leadership Academy</i>	<i>Purchasing</i>	<i>Youth Services Center</i>	<i>CUPS 2 – Northeast</i>	<i>TCOOMMI</i>	<i>Charter Schools</i>	<i>Personnel</i>
<i>Harris County Youth Village</i>	<i>Data Control Systems</i>	<i>313th, 314th, 315th Courts</i>	<i>CUPS 3 – Pasadena</i>	<i>Multisystemic Therapy Program</i>	<i>Vocational Education Program</i>	<i>Training</i>
	<i>Information Systems</i>	<i>Inter-County Transfer of Supervision</i>	<i>CUPS 4 – Northwest</i>	<i>Psychiatric Stabilization Unit</i>	<i>Education Transition Center</i>	
	<i>Research</i>	<i>Monetary Restitution</i>	<i>CUPS 5 – Southwest</i>	<i>TRIAD Liaison</i>		
	<i>Technology Resources</i>	<i>Residential-Community Services</i>	<i>CUPS 6 – Countywide Intensive Supervision In-home Services for Girls</i>	<i>Mental Health Services and Supervision</i>		
	<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>Mental Health Court</i>	<i>CUPS 7 – Countywide Aftercare Intensive Supervision</i>	<i>Functional Family Therapy</i>		
	<i>Support Services</i>	<i>Drug Court</i>	<i>CUPS 8 – West Houston</i>			
	<i>Grants and Alternative Funding</i>	<i>Tracker Program</i>	<i>Community Services Restitution</i>			
	<i>Victims Rights</i>		<i>Safe Schools/ Healthy Students Initiative</i>			
	<i>Public Information</i>		<i>Specialized Programs Unit</i>			

Update: Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

As JDAI goes into its fourth year in Harris County, strides continue to be made in the areas of reducing juvenile delinquency and alternatives to detention. Community collaborations continue to be the strength of JDAI in Harris County. The following seven established task forces continue to meet and make recommendations: *Risk Assessment, Self-Inspection,*

Alternatives to Secure Detention, Case Processing, Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC), Special Detention Cases, and the Youth Advisory Council.

Below is an overview of the impact of the initiatives within the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department.

Harris County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) • 5-Year Overview

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION 2006 - 2010

Statistics	2006 Pre-JDAI	2007 JDAI (Sept 1)	2008 JDAI	2009 JDAI	2010 JDAI	Change 2006- 2007	Change 2007- 2008	Change 2008- 2009	Change 2009- 2010	Total Change 2006 - 2010
Referrals to Juvenile Probation Department	24,877	23,164	20,885	19,839	17,978	-7%	-10%	-5%	-9%	-28%
Detention Admissions	5,816	6,638	6,619	5,062	4,384	14%	0%	-24%	-13%	-25%
Males	4,678	5,362	5,468	4,003	3,446	15%	2%	-27%	-14%	-26%
Females	1,138	1,276	1,151	1,059	938	12%	-10%	-8%	-11%	-18%
Petitions Filed by District Attorney's Office	15,804	15,706	14,608	11,875	11,394	-1%	-7%	-19%	-4%	-28%
Admission to Residential Facilities	4,593	4,419	3,654	2,558	2,372	-4%	-17%	-30%	-7%	-48%
Non-County	528	517	633	582	278	-2%	22%	-8%	-52%	-47%
County	4,065	3,902	3,021	1,976	2,094	-4%	-23%	-35%	6%	-48%
Youth Committed to the Texas Youth Commission	569	573	318	195	172	1%	-45%	-39%	-12%	-70%

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Change 2006- 2007	Change 2007- 2008	Change 2008- 2009	Change 2009- 2010	Total Change 2006 - 2010
Staff (Full & Part-Time)	1,409	1,500	1,511	1,453	1,354	6%	1%	-4%	-7%	-4%
Law Enforcement Agencies Referring to Juvenile Probation	130	130	130	130	130	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
School Districts in Harris County	26	26	26	26	26	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Annual Budget	\$81 Million	\$95 Million	\$105.5 Million	\$112 Million	\$97.9 Million	15%	10%	6%	-14%	17%

- Negative percentages (in red) represent a decrease.
- Positive percentages (in black) represent an increase.

2010 HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

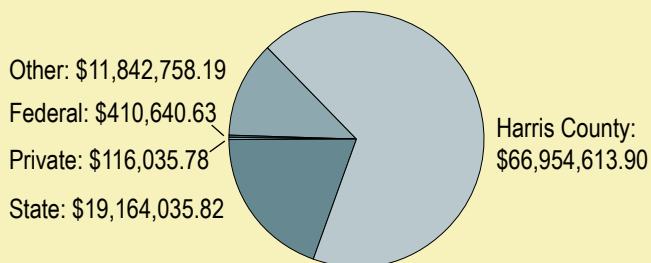
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2010 Expenditures

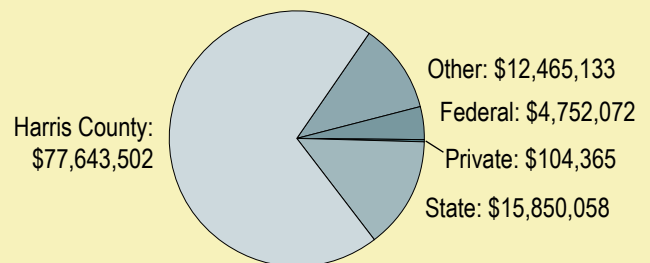
2010 FUNDING SOURCE	NAME OF GRANT	CY 2010 EXPENDITURES
HARRIS COUNTY	Harris County General Fund	\$ 66,902,195.65
	Family Protection Fees	\$ 52,418.25
		\$ 66,954,613.90
STATE	TJPC-State Aid	\$ 5,318,079.86
	TJPC-Community Corrections	\$ 4,202,471.75
	TJPC-Diversionary Placement	\$ 3,135,863.93
	TJPC-Juvenile Boot Camp	\$ 1,022,691.06
	TJPC-Intensive Community-Based Programs	\$ 744,459.05
	TJPC-Secure Facility Operations	\$ 720,595.16
	TJPC-Commitment Reduction Program	\$ 3,693,623.53
	TJPC-Special Needs Diversionary (TCOOMMI)	\$ 254,056.62
	TJPC-Level 5 Placement	\$ 50,078.00
	Juvenile Probation Equipment Fund	\$ 22,116.86
		\$ 19,164,035.82
PRIVATE	Innovation in Juvenile Justice Scholarship	\$ 1,308.05
	Annie Casey Foundation JDAI	\$ 110,552.42
	Criss Cole Children's Fund	\$ 4,175.31
		\$ 116,035.78
FEDERAL	Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	\$ 182,848.69
	Project Safe Neighborhoods	\$ 48,745.55
	Intensive Supervision Juvenile Sex Offender	\$ 11,968.46
	HISD Safe Schools	\$ 13,752.56
	SSBG Ike Recovery Assistance	\$ 153,325.37
		\$ 410,640.63
FEDERAL/STATE/OTHER	JJAEP Programs and Charter School	\$ 11,842,758.19
TOTAL 2010 EXPENDITURES		\$98,488,084.32
	JPD Expenditures without JJAEP/Charter School	\$ 86,645,326.13

Comparison: 2010 - 2009 Expenditures

2010 - Total 2010 Expenditures: \$98,488,084.32



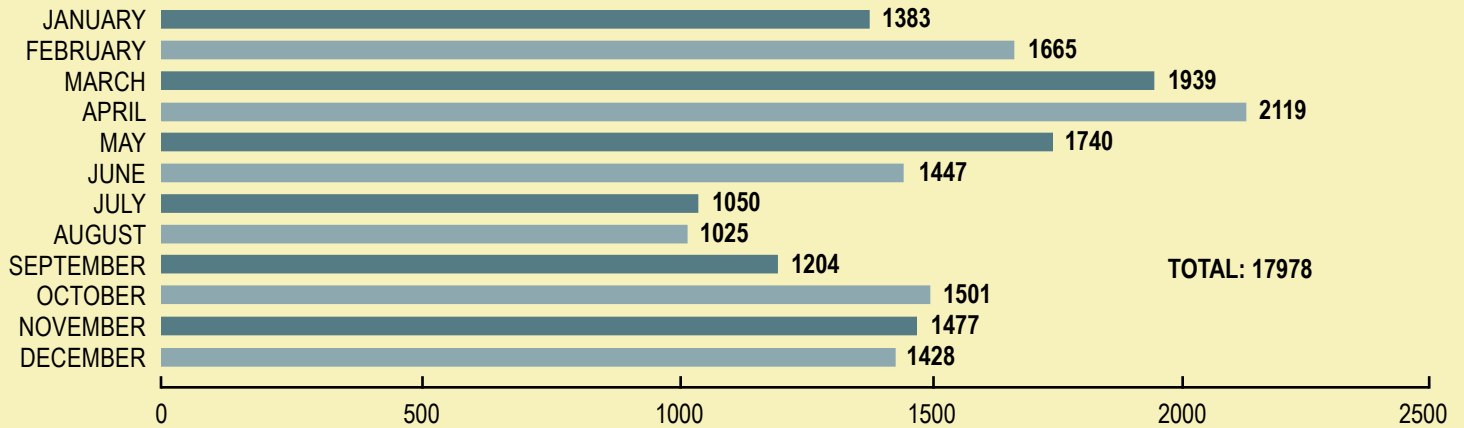
2009 - Total 2009 Expenditures: \$110,815,130



HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Referral Data 2010

Number of Referrals by Month



Referrals for Females by Ethnicity and Age

AGE	AFR-AMER	HISPANIC	CAUCASIAN	OTHER	TOTAL
10	5	2	0	1	8
11	15	16	2	1	34
12	75	68	24	2	169
13	173	200	69	2	444
14	331	389	145	13	878
15	498	570	248	28	1344
16+	664	581	416	22	1683
Females Sub-Total	1761	1826	904	69	4560

Referring Agency

AGENCY	TOTAL
Baytown Police Department	272
Constable's Office	1147
Harris County Sheriff	1774
Houston Police Department	4185
Juvenile Probation Officer*	5397
Other	1093
Pasadena Police	232
Humble Police	205
Schools	3673
TOTAL	17978

*Referrals representing Juvenile Probation Officer include administrative actions, early termination of probation, and request of change in custody. Referrals are not limited to violations of probation and/or detention.

Referrals for Males by Ethnicity and Age

AGE	AFR-AMER	HISPANIC	CAUCASIAN	OTHER	TOTAL
10	23	12	8	1	44
11	65	52	27	3	147
12	180	203	84	2	469
13	429	474	159	7	1069
14	753	970	348	40	2111
15	1361	1596	538	31	3526
16+	2347	2580	1083	42	6052
Males Sub-Total	5158	5887	2247	126	13418
GRAND TOTAL	6919	7713	3151	195	17978

Offense Severity

Felonies	2398
Misd. A/B	7447
Misd. C/Less	2977
CHINS	1125
Admin. Actions**	4031
TOTAL	17978

**Administrative Actions may include events such as: motion to modify, hold as material witness, request of change in custody, motion for release and transfer. Actions or events not limited to these categories.

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Referral Data 2010

Referrals by School District

SCHOOL DISTRICT	AFR-AMER	HISPANIC	CAUCASIAN	OTHER	TOTAL
ALDINE	447	464	102	4	1017
ALIEF	523	331	48	21	923
CHANNELVIEW	33	76	32	0	141
CLEAR CREEK	48	56	99	9	212
CROSBY	24	10	28	0	62
CYPRESS	419	443	284	20	1166
DEER PARK	8	53	55	0	116
FORT BEND	30	1	5	0	36
GALENA PARK	127	284	64	3	478
GOOSE CREEK	77	146	84	0	307
HOUSTON	2119	2013	369	29	4530
HOUSTON CAN ACADEMY	46	27	4	0	77
HOUSTON HEIGHTS	0	6	0	0	6
HUFFMAN	2	9	48	0	59
HUMBLE	116	64	122	6	308
JAMIE'S HOUSE CHARTER	14	15	2	0	31
KATY	68	105	131	5	309
KIPP INC CHARTER	3	2	0	0	5
KLEIN	134	139	178	19	470
LA PORTE	14	27	62	1	104
LAMAR	0	4	0	0	4
NORTH FOREST	158	29	3	1	191
PASADENA	125	661	218	10	1014
SHELDON	42	48	18	0	108
SOUTHWEST SCHOOL	1	1	12	0	14
SPRING	356	133	81	11	581
SPRING BRANCH	69	279	80	7	435
TOMBALL	11	26	36	1	74
STAFFORD	2	3	2	0	7
WALLER	14	19	16	0	49
PEARLAND	1	2	3	0	6
YES PREP	6	2	1	0	9
PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL	163	133	82	0	378
OUT OF COUNTY	179	125	212	6	522
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	42	80	36	2	160
HOME SCHOOL	29	59	34	0	122
H C EDUCATION DEPT	99	109	31	0	239
JJAEP	82	102	24	2	210
JUVENILE BOARD CHARTER SCHOOL	250	149	38	5	442
NOT AVAILABLE	—	—	—	—	3056
TOTAL	8127	7639	4852	267	17978

"MAKING A DIFFERENCE"



On August 30, 2006, Lawrence C.'s life was forever changed. After being found to have committed his first major offense, Mr. C. was temporarily detained and subsequently placed on one year of probation. "While on probation, I had a lot of support from my probation officer. She focused on assisting me with my goals, along with efficient ways to accomplish them. I finished probation accomplishing many goals that I never imagined reaching. I realized that it was just the beginning."

Lawrence is now a public speaker for the Youth Advisory Council Task Force, as a part of the Harris County's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). "I believe by sharing my story, I can prevent the youth of tomorrow from following the negative footsteps I have in the past."

Currently, Lawrence is in the process of enrolling at Houston Community College and will be seeking a degree in criminal justice. He also plans to publish his second poetry book. Mr. C. has published poetry featured in "When Angels Cry." "I want to continue to be a role model helping others and mentoring young people. I want to give as much as my probation officer gave me to be successful."

CROSSROADS

Community Partnership for Youth, Inc.



Crossroads, a non-profit United Way agency, recruits, screens, and trains volunteers and interns for the department. They integrate the community with the agency, a partnership that allows the department to meet goals of providing quality services to redirect the lives of youth. Crossroads volunteers are often requested by the courts, and 211 Crossroads volunteers served 10,645 hours as mentors and role models for youth. Crossroads helps to administer other programs that integrate the community with HCJPD.

In 2010, overall 531 volunteers and interns donated 50,780 hours in recreational, educational, mentoring, religious and community service programs for youth on probation or in institutions. With volunteer work valued at \$21.47 per hour in Texas, the department has received \$1,090,247 in assistance from these community volunteers and interns. Included in the grand total are volunteers working in specific areas of the department.

Twelve Junior League volunteers provided 486 hours of service. Fifty-one dedicated volunteers with Special Youth Services donated 8,508 hours, 112 volunteers with Youth Exchange worked 16,797 hours, and thirty Ring of Champions volunteers provided 897 hours of ministry to youth. Twenty Bridges to Life volunteers donated 396 hours providing curriculum to reduce recidivism and to facilitate the healing process for youth offenders. Also included is the work of 64 interns from area colleges and universities who worked 12,228 hours in the department's student intern program. They served throughout the agency in a variety of positions receiving training and experience in juvenile justice.

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Offense Data 2010

Offense per Referral, 2007-2010

OFFENSE	2007	2008	2009	2010
HOMICIDE	14	27	16	18
ARSON	29	53	56	52
ASSAULT - FELONY	350	328	336	352
- MA/MB	1203	1132	1219	1060
SEXUAL ASSAULT	171	149	148	142
ROBBERY	374	351	345	325
BURGLARY	703	685	791	552
THEFT - FELONY	106	84	110	83
- MA/MB	1780	2043	2159	2070
AUTO THEFT	39	33	22	22
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	222	183	153	122
DRUGS - FELONY	740	407	349	309
- MA/MB	1687	1564	1628	1698
ALCOHOL MB	10	7	6	4
OTHER - FELONY	577	612	561	421
- MA/MB	3142	2867	2891	2615
SUB-TOTAL	11147	10525	10790	9845
ASSAULT - MC	437	351	352	328
THEFT - MC	102	57	57	79
DRUGS - MC	9	10	7	19
ALCOHOL MC	65	17	42	53
OTHER - MC	130	126	122	118
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1202	924	733	601
CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	637	432	641	532
VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION	2187	1822	1289	1247
SUB-TOTAL	4769	3739	3243	2977
RUNAWAYS - CHINS*	1529	1459	1094	937
OTHER CHINS*	235	160	174	133
TYC RUNAWAYS	103	89	97	55
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**	5431	4894	4430	4031
SUB-TOTAL	7298	6602	5795	5156
TOTAL	23214	20866	19828	17978

*Children in need of supervision.

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HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Offense Data 2010

Offense per Admission to Detention

OFFENSES	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
MURDER	12	12	25	13	16
ARSON	29	21	35	19	16
ASSAULT					
FELONY	309	256	289	274	296
MISD A/B	769	669	714	627	585
MISD C	48	43	29	6	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	162	118	117	107	120
ROBBERY	283	258	324	295	253
BURGLARY	477	494	496	319	250
THEFT					
FELONY	49	63	63	40	25
MISD A/B	397	382	401	398	404
MISD C	7	8	5	1	1
AUTO THEFT	31	24	23	9	12
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	167	141	132	82	65
DRUGS					
FELONY	337	314	200	126	98
MISD A/B	585	577	536	382	334
MISD C	4	8	1	0	0
INHALANTS	0	0	0	0	0
ALCOHOL MISD A/B	4	4	0	2	1
ALCOHOL MISD C	3	2	0	0	0
OTHER					
FELONY	321	313	328	253	153
MISD A/B	1124	1033	1042	883	783
MISD C	0	0	4	0	0
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	100	64	71	8	5
CITY ORDINANCE	38	31	29	9	4
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	1207	1242	1027	635	550
RUNAWAY (CHINS)*	90	106	97	82	81
OTHER (CHINS) OFFENSES*	3	1	3	0	1
TYC RUNAWAYS	177	193	170	166	84
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**	202	262	436	359	246
TOTAL	6935	6639	6597	5095	4384

*Children in need of supervision (status offenses)

**Administrative Actions may include events such as: motion to modify, hold as material witness, request of change in custody, motion for release and transfer. Actions or events not limited to these categories.

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT & CHILDREN AT RISK JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE



On May 20, 2010 Children at Risk and HCJPD held a joint press conference highlighting the impact of Community Collaboration in Combating Juvenile Delinquency in Harris County. Those in attendance included: Harris County Judge Ed Emmett • Dr. Robert Sanborn, President & CEO of Children at Risk • Thomas Brooks, Executive Director of HCJPD • Sheriff Adrian Garcia • Judge John F. Phillips, 314th District Court • Judge Michael Schneider, 315th District Court • Assistant District Attorney Bill Moore, Chief Juvenile Division • Pastor D.Z. Cofield, Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church • Reverend Leslie Smith, Founder & CEO of Change Happens!



*"I've made mistakes,
that I'm ready to
make right"*

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Admissions to Detention Data 2010

Admissions to Detention by Month and Gender*

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	%
FEMALE	74	76	84	94	95	61	70	69	82	91	79	63	938	21.4%
MALE	331	278	286	345	306	302	241	253	273	281	319	231	3446	78.6%
TOTAL	405	354	370	439	401	363	311	322	355	372	398	294	4384	100.0%

Admissions to Detention by Month and Age*

AGE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	%
10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.1%
11	2	5	0	3	4	4	2	3	4	4	4	2	37	0.8%
12	6	5	8	10	12	14	6	5	16	17	9	8	116	2.6%
13	34	29	25	37	22	19	29	25	25	26	31	19	321	7.3%
14	85	59	68	71	67	57	47	50	62	67	51	44	728	16.6%
15	122	96	110	148	123	112	80	87	100	94	133	92	1297	29.6%
16+	156	160	159	168	173	157	147	152	147	164	170	129	1882	42.9%
TOTAL	405	354	370	439	401	363	311	322	355	372	398	294	4384	100.0%**

Admissions to Detention by Month and Ethnicity*

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	%
BLACK	174	149	168	199	178	171	165	155	182	184	202	134	2061	47.0%
LATIN	171	138	149	178	159	141	102	112	120	125	127	115	1637	37.3%
WHITE	59	65	47	58	59	49	43	50	50	60	67	42	649	14.8%
OTHER	1	2	6	4	5	2	1	5	3	3	2	3	37	0.8%
TOTAL	405	354	370	439	401	363	311	322	355	372	398	294	4384	100.0%**

*Youth may be counted multiple times if a youth had a multiple admissions within the noted time period. Statistics do not include youth diverted from detention.

**Due to rounding, the total percentage does not add up to 100%.



"I'm learning"

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Supervision Data 2010

Court Activity*

COURT DECISIONS	YOUTH REPRESENTED
CERTIFICATION	57
CERTIFICATION DENIED	23
CPS INVOLVEMENT	47
DEFERRED ADJUDICATION	1914
DISMISSED / NON-SUIT	2722
EARLY TERMINATION OF PROBATION	361
NOT FOUND CHINS OR DELINQUENT	13
PASSED	576
PASSED/WRIT	314
PROBATION**	3266
PROBATION/RESTITUTION**	400
PROBATION/DETERMINE SENTENCING***	29
TYC/DETERMINE SENTENCING***	12
TYC	160
BOUND OVER TO TDC	1
OTHER	1164
TOTAL	11059

*Youth may be counted multiple times if a youth received multiple decisions within the noted time period.

**Includes changes of custody.

***Approx. numbers use declared determinate sentencing as court result.

Deferred Prosecution Program

The Deferred Prosecution Program allows the probation department to provide supervision without the youth appearing in court for non-petitioned cases. This is an initiative to divert these youth from the formal juvenile justice system. Upon successful completion, the Harris County District Attorney's office does not file a petition on the case.

In 2010:

- **1,567** youth successfully completed the 90-day Deferred Prosecution Program (DP90).
- **575** youth were on placed on 180-day Deferred Prosecution (DP180) with a monthly average of **242** cases.



"Now I can look forward to a bright future"

Youth under Supervision Monthly Averages 2007 - 2010

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEARLY AVG
2007	PROBATION	4102	4132	4043	4067	3973	4042	4027	3740	3952	3881	3908	3839	3976
	DEFERRED ADJ	1150	1422	1451	1446	1542	1540	1474	1159	1358	1318	1317	1139	1360
2008	PROBATION	3753	4132	3629	3627	3610	3676	3686	3762	3706	3602	3538	3361	3674
	DEFERRED ADJ	1170	1422	1431	1540	1609	1841	1840	1823	1643	1579	1485	1165	1546
2009	PROBATION	3223	3083	2968	2837	2704	2722	2699	2743	2693	2695	2638	2592	2800
	DEFERRED ADJ	1272	1358	1608	1758	1755	1734	1546	1275	929	783	701	646	1280
	DEFERRED PROS (180)	0	0	58	121	150	170	183	196	203	209	220	234	174
	DEFERRED PROS (90)	0	0	93	280	485	563	501	452	383	450	519	550	428
2010	PROBATION*	2577	2827	2693	2673	2501	2479	2656	2544	2602	2513	2453	2478	2583
	DEFERRED ADJ	589	603	655	781	783	905	977	1053	967	913	930	802	830
	DEFERRED PROS (180)	258	273	293	281	269	264	249	225	191	187	199	209	242
	DEFERRED PROS (90)	505	531	540	539	486	457	413	361	334	319	373	402	438

*2010 Monthly Probation statistics also include youth under Mental Health Probation Supervision.

Intake Court Services Division

Harris County's Definition of Detention: Detention is the temporary and safe custody of juveniles. Generally, secure detention should be utilized for youth who by nature of their offense(s) or conduct are found to be a danger to self/others, or are believed to be a flight risk. Less restrictive alternatives to secure detention are preferred.

TRIAD Prevention Program

The Youth Services Center (YSC) serves as a 24-hour intake center for youth, ages 10 to 17, who are detained for status offenses such as runaway, truancy and curfew or Class C Misdemeanors (theft, assault, disorderly conduct or public intoxication) and those who are in need of supervision. The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department (HCJPD), Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) and the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority (MHMRA) are partners in the TRIAD Prevention Program with the TRIAD executive director reporting to HCPS. Services include screening and assessment, crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, referrals and follow-up.

In 2010, the YSC:

- assisted **1,620** troubled youth.
- probation staff assisted another **785** juveniles.
- staff received **619** non-custody status offense and Class C Misdemeanor referrals

During 2010, the TRIAD Prevention Program offered the following programs: the Justice of the Peace Court Family Service Case Manager Program, the Alliance for Children and Families, the Girls Inspiring for Future Timeless Success (GIFTS), the Boys to Men Shop Talk Mentor Workshop, the Voices, Intense, Bold, Effective (VIBE) Drama Therapy Program, the Michael Alexander Sewing & Style (MASS) School, Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR), Community Youth Development, Truancy Learning Camp, Title V Stay-in-School Program, and Parenting with Love and Limits.

Intake Screening

Harris County law enforcement officers may take a juvenile to either the YSC or the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), both 24-hour intake units of the Juvenile Probation Department. Intake Screening

utilizes the Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) to assess the immediate circumstances and determine whether to detain or release referred youth. When a youth is thought to present a threat to self or to the community or is likely to run away and not return for a court appearance, he or she will be detained for a probable cause detention hearing conducted by an associate judge. Youth with mental health issues are referred to the Ben Taub Neuro-Psychiatric Center and the MHMRA.

In 2010:

- **4,807** youth were referred at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC).
- approximately **8.79%** of all youth received at the JDC were diverted, leaving 4,384 admissions.

Through a collaborative effort with Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults, the Kinder Emergency Shelter was opened to pre-adjudicated youth. The shelter provides a community-based residential alternative to secure detention for youth whose significant family conflicts prevent an immediate return home.

Juvenile Tracking Program

The Juvenile Tracking Program was developed as an alternative to detention. HCJPD contracts with the Harris County Advocate Program (H-CAP) to provide intensive supervision to youth pending a court hearing. Court dates for Tracker youth are expedited and occur within thirty days of release. A youth is termed successful if they do not reoffend while on the Tracker program and appear for their initial court hearing. Between December 2009 and December 2010, **205** youth were released on Tracker. To date, the program has an **88%** success rate with 180 youth successfully completing.

Intake Court Services Division

Court Services

Once the District Attorney's office has filed a petition, court services staff prepares a comprehensive profile of the juvenile in his/her case. A detailed report may be used with other information to aid the judge in determining a suitable disposition. Juveniles found to have engaged in delinquent conduct may be allowed to live at home under stringent rules of probation, placed in a residential facility or county institution, or committed to the Texas Youth Commission (TYC).

Pre-Adjudication Team

The Pre-Adjudication Team (PAT) is another alternative to detention that provides intensive supervision to juvenile offenders who can be released from detention to await their court dates. This team ensures that the Detention Center has beds available for serious offenders who must be detained.

During 2010:

- 247 cases were handled with considerable savings in bed space and associated care in the Juvenile Detention Center.

Placement Unit

The Placement Unit establishes and maintains contracts with licensed residential facilities throughout the state of Texas. When a juvenile must be removed from the home, the Placement Unit's staffing committee considers all available alternatives. Placement options are included in the court report for the judge's consideration. Another special unit reviews all cases for possible federal reimbursement from Title IV-E funds. In 2010, a total of \$1,364,986.06 was received in IV-E reimbursement from the federal government for youths in private placement. Another reimbursement for \$216,944.00 was received from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (TJPC) for youth who were Sanction Level 5 and placed in a private secure facility or in the Burnett-Bayland Reception Center (BBRC) Sexual Offender Unit. H-Grant reimbursement received from TJPC for the department for 2010 were \$2,036,171.00.

Monetary Restitution

In 2010:

- the courts ordered 1,142 juvenile offenders to pay \$985,592.34 to victims.
- the department collected \$386,394.62 in financial restitution.
- in all, \$394,447.57 was disbursed to victims.

314TH DISTRICT COURT MENTAL HEALTH COURT



The Harris County Juvenile Mental Health Court is a voluntary, specialized, diversionary court program for families of justice system involved youth with mental health problems. The Harris County Mental Health Court aims to effectively address the underlying clinical component of delinquent behavior in mentally ill juvenile offenders, while emphasizing public safety and personal accountability. Additionally, by fostering the use of community based treatment alternatives, the Court hopes to play an integral role in the development of community mental health resources. The readily available and accessibility of community services will ultimately give families an alternative to relying on the juvenile justice system for treatment, a practice which can result in the criminalization of mentally ill juveniles.

Since its inception, 67 youth and their families have successfully completed six months of extensive court and service provider requirements with an 82% success rate.



"I have dreams"

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND–TEXAS 2010 CDF FREEDOM SCHOOLS® PROGRAM



During the summer of 2010, the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department (HCJPD) kicked off the Children's Defense Fund's (CDF) Freedom Schools®. Locally known as R.E.A.L. Youth S.H.I.N.E., the five-week literacy and enrichment program nurtured young minds in the HCJPD's Burnett-Bayland Reception Center (BBRC). This unique reading and cultural enrichment opportunity is designed to focus the youths on a path to success and dismantle their Cradle to Prison Pipeline® experience.

The program integrates community and parental involvement with reading, conflict resolution and social action in an activity-based curriculum that promotes social, cultural and historical awareness. The R.E.A.L. Youth S.H.I.N.E. Freedom School sites were staffed primarily by college-aged young adults, also known as "servant leaders", who are committed to making life better for children.

This project was a collaboration of HCJPD, the Archdiocese's Special Youth Services, and Criss Cole Children's Fund. Due to the program's overwhelming success, plans for 2011 already include expansion to an additional site, reaching 150 youths and tripling the number of Servant Leader interns involved.

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS

Health Services Division

The Health Services Division encompasses both mental and medical health services throughout the agency. The mission of the division is to meet the emotional, behavioral and physical health needs of youth in the juvenile justice system, while supporting the agency's commitment of protecting the public and providing rehabilitation services to juvenile offenders.

In 2010:

- the medical team handled **6,036** intakes, immunized **3,325** youth and treated **8,870** youth.
- psychiatric services referred **3,927** youth; conducted **6,946** sessions and **467** groups with **1,862** youth.
- in collaboration with MHMRA, the Forensic Unit conducted **1,889** screenings, **549** full assessments, and **208** psychiatric assessments.
- provided interventions (excluding dental services) to **338,596** youth for a monthly average of **28,216** youth.
- successfully passed two audits achieving **100%** compliance with state standards and guidelines.

The Harris County Psychiatric Center served **126** youth. In collaboration with MHMRA, the Psychiatric Stabilization Unit at BBRC served **66** youth needing intense psychiatric interventions. The Special Needs Program funded by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairment (TCOOMMI) served **93** youth with an **80%** success rate in 2010.

Family Functional Therapy (FFT)

Family Functional Therapy (FFT) intervention program is an evidence-based short-term intervention program designed to focus and assess those risk and protective factors that impact the adolescent and his or her environment, with specific attention paid both intra-familial and extra-familial factors, and how they present within and influence the therapeutic process in their home setting. The intervention program itself consist of five major components, in addition to pretreatment activities: *engagement in change; motivation to change; relational/interpersonal assessment and planning for behavior change; behavior change; and generalization across behavioral domains and multiple systems*. In 2010, **111** youth received services provided by FFT.

Institutions Division

The Institutions Division provides custodial care and treatment to youth, ages 10-17, who are pending court or have been adjudicated by the courts with a need for placement to redirect delinquent conduct. The Institutions Division's overall mission is to uphold respect and dignity for the child and provide a seamless transition of family reunification and to develop productive members of the community. Following careful assessment, youth are routed to the facility which offers the services which best suit their needs.

Key program components include:

- Providing sufficient levels of support, structure, and supervision to the youth and their families during the intervention process.
- Developing strategies that produce educational success, by assisting families to ensure that their youth attend school on a regular basis.
- Promoting pro-social values, positive behaviors and relationships through strong teamwork with the family, professional staff, and community volunteers.

Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) is a secure pre-adjudicated facility located in the Juvenile Justice Center in downtown Houston. The Juvenile Detention Center houses youth awaiting court or transfer to the post-adjudicated facilities such as the Burnett-Bayland Reception Center, the Harris County Leadership Academy, the Harris County Youth Village, other private placements and Texas Youth Commission (TYC). The JDC consists of six housing floors accommodating 250 youth; and features private sleeping rooms, multi-purpose activity rooms, a gymnasium, visitation and counseling areas. During their stay, youth undergo physical and psychological assessments, short-term therapy and crisis intervention.

- **Juvenile Justice Center**
1200 Congress, Houston, Texas 77002

Burnett-Bayland Reception Center (BBRC) is a post-adjudicated secure residential facility with the capacity to accommodate 144 male youth ages 10-17. In 2010, assessments were completed for 1,077 youth who were then routed to other county campuses, private

placement, TYC, placed at home on regular probation in some cases or assigned to BBRC. In addition to the general population programming, BBRC offers specialized treatment components: Sex Offender Program, Psychiatric Stabilization Unit and a Drug Dependency Treatment Program. There is also a 30-day Impact Program which emphasizes structure and early reconnection to their family.

- **Burnett-Bayland Reception Center**
6500A Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas 77081

Harris County Leadership Academy (HCLA) is a post-adjudicated secure residential facility with the capacity to accommodate 96 male youth ages 13-17. During 2010, 284 youth participated in the program. The focus of the program is to redirect the thinking and behavior patterns of juveniles by instilling in them a sound foundation embracing a healthy self-concept, respect for others, authority and personal accountability. In conjunction with Harris County Youth Village, the youth at the Harris County Leadership Academy are provided the opportunity to enroll in a General Education Diploma (GED) course and prepare to take the exam and other college entrance exams.

- **Harris County Leadership Academy**
9120 Katy-Hockley, Houston, Texas 77449

Harris County Youth Village (HCYV) is a post-adjudicated non-secure residential facility with the capacity to accommodate 170 male and female youth ages 11-17. In 2010, 531 youths resided there. In partnership with San Jacinto College, eligible youth are able to participate in the Vocational Education Program (VEP) and complete certificate-level vocational classes; which can be used to further the students' studies at either the college or general trade level. VEP provides 140 youth per year with vocational opportunities in electrical and automotive studies. To date, approximately 1,100 students have taken the GED exam. *The HCYV campus has maintained an average GED exam passing rate of 80%, higher than the state average and any other juvenile detention facility in the state.*

- **Harris County Youth Village**
210 JW Mills, Seabrook, Texas 77586

Field Services Division

Most juveniles who go through the court system remain at home under field supervision. The probation period is usually one year, but the court may lengthen the duration of probation to age 18. Field supervision and rehabilitative services for youth and their families are provided from nine field probation services sites located throughout Harris County.

In 2010:

- an average of **3,665** juveniles were under supervision by the Field Services Division each month.
- an average of **515** youth received services in the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) each month.
- an average of **246** juveniles received services in the Institutional Aftercare Program (IAP) Unit.
- there were **285** youth monitored by the Gang Supervision Unit.
- there were **172** youth monitored by the Sex Offender Unit.
- the Female Intervention Program (FIP) supervised **213** female probationers.

Post-Court Interview Unit

Field officers interview families of youth who are scheduled for hearings in the three district courts. This unit was created to make contact immediately after court with the client and parent. The identity, address, school, employment and all pertinent information related to the youth and family are verified. The Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI) is used to determine mental health needs and the Addiction Measure for Youth (AMY) instrument is completed to identify drug/alcohol education, counseling and/or treatment needs.

Deferred Adjudication

The courts offer Deferred Adjudication to juveniles who are normally first time, non-violent offenders. The program guides them through six months of specialized programs, counseling and supervision aimed at diverting them from further involvement in the juvenile justice system. Upon successful completion of their Deferred Adjudication contract, their cases can be dismissed.

In 2010:

- **9,802** youth were on Deferred Adjudication with a monthly average of **830** cases.

Community Service Restitution

The Community Service Restitution Program supervises work projects done by probationers and sometimes with their parents, at non-profit agencies or institutions which have been approved as worksites by the Juvenile Board.

In 2010:

- **10,125** probationers under field supervision performed **60,745** hours of community service.
- a total of **1,534** probationers were referred by the residential facilities for a total of **40,665** hours worked.
- the total cost of the hours completed totaled **\$735,222.00**.

Evening Reporting Center (ERC)

The Evening Reporting Center is community-based program designed to serve as an alternative to detention. The program's goal is to ensure that youth appear in court as directed and avoid out-of-home placements. The (ERC) provides year round intensive educational, recreational and supervision to non-adjudicated probationers between the hours of 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Since its inception in March of 2010, the ERC has served **119** youth.

Harris County Advocate Program (H-CAP)

The Harris County Advocate Program (H-CAP) offers a community-based alternative to placement. The program serves adjudicated offenders whose behavior and social circumstances put them at risk of placement in residential treatment facilities. It offers a range of individualized, non-traditional, wrap-around and advocacy services for the youth and the entire family. Referrals are received from Field Services and institutions saving placement funds and leaving youths in their own homes. In 2010, approximately **2,900** youth were referred to the H-CAP program.

Budget & Information Technology Division, Human Resources Division and Education Services Division

Budget and Information Technology Division

The Budget and Information Technology Division supports the mission of the department by providing professional and technical services in the areas of budget and fiscal management, computer networking, information systems and supportive services. Budget and fiscal management services manage the agency's revenues and expenditures. Day-to-day activities include developing and monitoring budgets, grants management, purchasing and financial report preparations. Computer networking, information systems and research are the functions of the Technology and Systems Development (TSD) unit. Supportive Services staff manages inventory, office supplies and equipment, provides mail courier service and operates a print shop. It also provides various other services upon request that support agency operations.

Human Resources Division

Personnel, Payroll, Training, Accreditation and Quality Assurance are the five major areas of the Human Resources Division. These components work together to identify, investigate, process, compensate, train, and monitor employees charged with carrying the mission of the department. At the end of 2010, HCJPD had 1,343 employees.

During the training year of 2010:

- the Training Unit conducted approximately 492 trainings with approximately 942 participants.

Education Services Division

Under the authority of the Juvenile Board, the Educational Services Division provides educational programs for every expelled student and/or delinquent youth placed in a county-operated juvenile institution. The Juvenile Probation Department is solely responsible for all programs of the Juvenile Justice Alternative

Education Program (JJAEP), Juvenile Justice Charter School (Excel Academy), and the Education Transition Center (ETC).

Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) Students attending the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program have been expelled from one of 22 local school districts for criminal activity or serious misconduct while at school. The JJAEP is funded by Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (TJPC), local school districts and state and federal grants.

During the 2009-2010 school year:

- 223 students were enrolled.
- the average attendance rate was 84% for the year.
- the average length of enrollment per student was 80 school days.

Juvenile Justice Charter School (Excel Academy) All juveniles placed by the courts in detention and residential facilities are provided educational services under one comprehensive academic program, the Harris County Juvenile Justice Charter School, funded by the Texas Education Agency and state and federal grants. The Charter School provides a year-round school to enable students to continuously improve their educational skills. The Excel Academy focuses on student progression in the core academic curriculum, TAKS remediation, vocational education and life skills.

Education Transition Center (ETC) The Education Transition Center located at 1200 Congress opened its doors in October of 2010. Youth released from HCJPD institutions and youth placed under field supervision may be eligible to take GED classes. As the need for classes grew, morning and afternoon class sessions were made available. As of December 31, 2010 four youths have successfully taken and passed the GED exam.

315TH DISTRICT COURT DRUG COURT



In July of 2010, the presiding Judge of the 315th District Court, Michael Schneider, helped start the Juvenile Drug Court in Harris County. This intense and innovative supervision program allows non-violent offenders to receive treatment and counseling services, and continue education while remaining at home in their respective communities. The program is 16 to 18 months long.

"Kids like this can be more successful and productive if they see someone in the system, like the judge, cares what happens to them," said Judge Schneider. "This will not be easy for those in the program. They have responsibilities to live up to and they will be seeing a lot more of me than usual. They will get help. We'll make sure of that, but they will be held responsible for their own recovery and getting on track for a life that means something, not a life of crime."

As of December 2010, over 130 youth were screened for the program.



"I know I can do this"

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

2010 Employees of the Year



Staff Services
Ms. Michael McBride



Educator
Ms. Lovie Holiday



Juvenile Probation Officer
Ms. Nicole Tillis



Supervisor
Mr. Tim Brown



Support Services
Mr. Fernando Moya



Institution Officer
Mr. Darrell Fontenot

"Probation helped mold me into the person I am today. I successfully completed my probation by finding mentors. My advisors included teachers, counselors, probation officers, parents, close friends of the family....probation was just a stepping stool to my success."

Jeremy C., JDAI Youth Advisory Council Task Force
(former probationer, attending Prairie View A&M University majoring in Civil Engineering)

Who Am I?

*I'm strong, I'm tough
Mess with me, and I can get rough.
I'm nice and kind, got knowledge on my mind.
I'm smart, I'm dumb.
I'm big, I'm small.
Maybe short or tall.*

*One thing I cannot be, are the names that you choose to call me,
The pictures that you draw of me,
The faces that you make at me,
I'm somebody that you may not see.
But hey, you're you and I'm me,
But now I see.
The question, "who am I?" was for you, not me,
Because I AM somebody
I'M ME!!!!*

Dai'janae B., 15

This poem was written by a Harris County youth and published in "Fragile Heartz"

"Fragile Heartz" is the product of a service-learning project created by students at the Harris County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), Excel Academy, an alternative school in Houston Texas, serving expelled and adjudicated youth from 22 Harris County School Districts. This program was supported by the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department and the Harris County Juvenile Board.



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